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**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **APRIL MILK PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA UP NEARLY 3 PERCENT**

**HARRISBURG** --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during April 2000 totaled 978 million pounds, up 2.9 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 615,000 head, down 3,000 head from March but unchanged from April 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds in April, 30 pounds less than March but 45 pounds more than April 1999.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during April 2000 totaled 12.4 billion pounds, 3.7 percent above production in these same states during April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states averaged 7.79 million head, up 66,000 head from a year earlier, and 12,000 head more than in March of 2000.

#### **Monthly Milk Cows 20 States**

